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**SUBJECT: Economic Development Set-Aside Fund and  
Rural Infrastructure Fund Activity for 2011**

On behalf of the Coordinating Council for Economic Development, I am pleased to submit the 2011 Coordinating Council for Economic Development Annual Report of Fund Activity. In accordance with Sections 12-10-85(D) and Proviso 40.3 of the General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2011-2012, this report details activities of the Council regarding the Economic Development Set-Aside Fund and Rural Infrastructure Fund. Both are managed by the South Carolina Department of Commerce's Grants Administration Division. Please forward to the Governor's Office, the Budget & Control Board, the Senate Finance Committee, and the House Ways & Means Committee.

I am available at 803-737-0448 should you have questions or need additional information.

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Enclosure

**South Carolina  
Coordinating Council for  
Economic Development**

**2011 Annual Report of  
Economic Development Set-Aside Fund and  
Rural Infrastructure Fund Activity**

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## **OVERVIEW OF THE COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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The Coordinating Council for Economic Development (“Council”) was formed in response to a general need for improved coordination of efforts in the area of economic development by those state agencies involved in the recruitment of new business and the expansion of current enterprises throughout the State. Formally established in 1986 by the General Assembly (SC Code § 13-1-1710), the purpose of the Council is to enhance economic growth and development in the State through strategic planning and coordination. As such, the Council is chaired by the Secretary of Commerce. Ten additional members are drawn from other state agencies involved in economic development, and the member agency heads are either board chairmen or cabinet officials.

The Council’s administrative staff is housed in the Grants Administration Division of the South Carolina Department of Commerce (“Department of Commerce”), which manages the Council’s grant funds as well as the Enterprise Zone programs. Grants Administration also manages two federal grant programs, the Community Development Block Grant and Appalachian Regional Commission programs.

### **COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES AND MEMBERSHIP**

By statute, the full body of the Council is required to meet at least quarterly. Its responsibilities include: establishing guidelines and procedures for all Council programs; implementing the state’s strategy for economic development; reviewing and approving all applications for grants from the Set-Aside, Rural Infrastructure, Closing and Tourism Infrastructure Funds; and reviewing and approving all applications for Enterprise Zone Job Development Credit and Retraining incentives. The Council also certifies economic development projects as representing “significant economic impact” on areas surrounding them, for the purposes of qualifying for income tax apportionment and income tax moratoriums.

Following enactment of the Enterprise Zone legislation in 1995, the Council formed a specialized, six-member subcommittee (“Enterprise Committee”) to handle the substantial volume of new activity and related policy decisions. As of 2008, the Enterprise Committee is now made up of five members. This committee meets monthly to review and approve applications for Enterprise Zone incentives and applications for International Trade incentives, and to respond to issues and recommend policies for adoption by the full Council at its quarterly meetings. Current membership of the Council is shown on the following page.

## AGENCY MEMBERS OF THE COORDINATING COUNCIL

SC Department of Commerce	*SC Department of Revenue
SC Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism	*SC Department of Agriculture
SC Department of Transportation	* Santee Cooper
SC Research Authority	*State Ports Authority
State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education	*Jobs Economic Development Authority
SC Department of Employment and Workforce	

*\*Denotes Enterprise Committee member*

## 2011 ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES

Robert M. Hitt, III, who was appointed Secretary of Commerce by Governor Haley in January 2011, acted as Chairperson of the Coordinating Council throughout 2011. Jim Etter, Director of the SC Department of Revenue, chaired the Enterprise Committee of the Coordinating Council throughout 2011. The heads of several member agencies changed during 2011.

Council membership after all changes in calendar year 2011 was as follows:

Robert M. Hitt, III	Secretary of Commerce Chairman, Coordinating Council for Economic Development
Jim Etter	Director, SC Department of Revenue Chairman, Coordinating Council Enterprise Committee
Abraham J. Turner	Director, SC Department of Employment and Workforce
Hugh E. Weathers	Commissioner, SC Department of Agriculture
Montez C. Martin, Jr.	Chairman, State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education
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Duane N. Parrish	Director, SC Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism
Robert St. Onge	Secretary, SC Department of Transportation

Coordinating Council staff:

Alan D. Young	Executive Director, Coordinating Council
Cynthia S. Turnipseed	Assistant to the Director and staff attorney
Jackie Calvi	Senior Program Manager, CCED Grant Programs
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# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SET-ASIDE FUND

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## OVERVIEW

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In 1987, the General Assembly passed a bill that provided for an additional 3 cents per gallon tax on the sale of gasoline in the State. The General Assembly charged the Coordinating Council for Economic Development with administering this new initiative known as the Economic Development Set-Aside Program. The Set-Aside Fund is dedicated to improving the economic well being of the State by providing funds to local government to develop the infrastructure necessary for new and expanding business. At inception, the fund was created from the first \$10 million received through State gas tax revenues. The annual \$10 million appropriation was later increased to \$18 million, and then in July 2006, to \$20 million. The funding source was also changed to be split between utility and gas tax revenues. By 2008, utility taxes were the sole funding source and Set-Aside revenue was capped at \$20 million.

This year, in accordance with Proviso 89.140 of the Appropriation Act for FY 2011-12, Council approved \$25,000 in Set-Aside Admin funds be transferred to the Department of Commerce to offset budget reductions.

## TYPES OF PROJECTS FUNDED

The purpose of the Set-Aside Fund is to assist companies in locating or expanding in South Carolina. The program provides funding for competitive projects that, without Set-Aside participation, would not locate in South Carolina. Set-Aside grants are used primarily to fund road improvements, water and sewer infrastructure and site preparation costs related to business location and expansion.

## FUNDING CONSIDERATIONS

The Council considers funding for projects on an individual basis. In evaluating projects, the Council will consider:

- Competitiveness of the project,
- Number and type of jobs created,
- Type of industry (e.g., manufacturing, distribution, corporate headquarters, research and development),
- Unemployment rate in county where the project locates,
- Total invested dollars (land, building, machinery and equipment costs),
- Cost of the project,

- Cost-effectiveness of the project,
- Future tax revenues anticipated,
- Time frame for completion of construction of the facility,
- Infrastructure needs of the region,
- Funding sought from other sources,
- Financial viability of the company, and
- Company status as a good corporate citizen.

## **FUNDING GUIDELINES**

- Set-Aside funding approval is tied directly to specific economic development projects with new job creation and capital investment.
- As a general rule, Set-Aside funding will not exceed \$10,000 per new job created.
- A Department of Commerce Business Development project manager must be actively involved in the recruitment of the economic development project for which funding is requested.
- Without Set-Aside funding, the project will not locate or expand in South Carolina.
- If the company fails to meet either the job or the capital investment guarantee, Council reserves the right to require that funds be paid back on a pro rata basis.
- Reimbursement of engineering costs may be limited to the “Percentage of Net Construction Cost” table published by the USDA.
- Project contingencies will be limited to 10% of the project budget.

## **OVERVIEW OF THE FUNDING PROCESS**

1. The Department of Commerce Business Development Division works with the local government to identify specific funding needs for the project. Preliminary details such as cost estimates, project scope, company financials and number of jobs and level of investment expected are submitted to Business Development.
2. Preliminary information is reviewed, and if it is determined that the project is consistent with the economic development goals of the State and meets established evaluation criteria, the local government is invited to submit a formal application for funding.
3. The application is submitted to the Department of Commerce Grants Administration Division and is processed by staff.
4. Funding requests are presented to the Council at its quarterly meetings. The Council has the discretion to approve or disapprove all funding requests and may negotiate funding terms and amounts as it sees fit.
5. If the funding is approved, staff sends an approval packet to the local government applicant. The packet includes the approval letter, grant award agreement and performance agreement.

- a. The grant award agreement is to be signed by representatives with the authority to enter into contracts on behalf of the local government. Once signed, the agreement becomes an executed contract between the Council and the local government. There are specific requirements contained in the grant award agreement.
  - b. The performance agreement is a contract between the company, the local government applicant and the Council. This agreement must also be signed by representatives that have the legal authority to enter into a contract on behalf of their respective entity. The performance agreement has specific criteria related to jobs and investment.
6. Once contracts related to the grant project are signed, copies are sent to the Council for its review.
  7. The Set-Aside grant is a reimbursement of approved project costs. The cost estimates provided at application will serve as the project budget. Only those approved budget items and the respective amounts will be eligible for reimbursement.
  8. As project invoices for approved budget items are paid, they are submitted to Grants Administration staff to be processed for payment. Staff monitors the grantee's compliance with grant terms and reserves the right to deny payment for ineligible project costs or for failure to comply with grant requirements.
  9. Once the project is complete, the grantee notifies the Council in writing and a closeout packet is sent.
  10. The grantee returns the closeout packet and all required documentation to the Council. The packet is reviewed, and if it is determined that the grantee has complied with all terms of the grant agreement, the grant is officially closed.

## **ELIGIBLE AND INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES**

Effective July 1, 2001, a proviso defining eligible uses of Set-Aside funds was passed by the legislature. Specifically, the proviso limited the use of Set-Aside funds to road construction/improvement projects, water and sewer projects and site preparation, and it further defined allowable site preparation activities. In July 2006, the legislature passed a second proviso expanding eligible activities to include fiber optic cable, rail spurs and the purchase of land. Then, in 2010, the Economic Development Competitiveness Act added additional eligible activities that went into effect on January 1, 2011.

Below is a list of eligible and ineligible activities including those added in 2011.

### **Eligible Activities**

- Public Improvements - Roads, Water and Wastewater Infrastructure
  - Planning
  - Engineering – *limited to 10%*
  - Right-of-way
  - Drainage
  - Curb and gutter – *only when necessary for drainage*
  - Construction
  - Cantilevered flashing light signals and/or gates at railroad crossings *when necessary*

- Road re-surfacing or widening
- Turn lanes and acceleration and deceleration lanes
- Site preparation
  - Surveying
  - Environmental and geotechnical study and mitigation
  - Clearing, filling and grading
- Fiber optic cable
- Rail spurs
- Land acquisition
- Relocation expensed for employees paid at least 2 times the lower of the State or county per capita
- Acquiring and improving real property
- Pollution control equipment

### **Activities Not Eligible for Set-Aside Funding**

- Speculative projects
- Opening up access to undeveloped property
- State government funded projects
- Maintenance of industrial/research parks
- Shopping centers/strip malls
- Signage (*except project signs required as part of the grant award agreement or permanent construction signs required by the Department of Transportation*)
- Paving of parking lots or lighting
- Civic centers and/or auditoriums, except that road improvements for civic centers may be funded (up to \$1,000,000) if associated with substantial economic development projects
- Curb and guttering for aesthetic purposes
- Concrete loading docks or pads
- Equipment and moving expenses
- Residential developments

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## **2011 ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

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During calendar year 2011, Council awarded twenty-four (24) new Set-Aside grants totaling \$28.1 million to sixteen (16) local governments in fifteen (15) counties. Projected capital investment from the associated projects is \$1.9 billion, and projected new jobs total 3,211. Commitments were also made for an additional \$7.1 million for projects which are not yet decided. If won, these projects will represent an additional 2,081 jobs and \$943 million in investment.

On the following pages are tables that outline project placement by county development status and the distribution of awarded funds between economic development projects associated with companies new to South Carolina and existing companies expanding in South Carolina. Also included is a table that provides specifics on all projects approved during calendar year 2011. The totals shown on these charts only represent new grants awarded in 2011 and do not reflect amendments made to previously approved grants or funds committed by the Council.

**2011 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SET-ASIDE GRANT AWARDS  
- BY COUNTY CLASSIFICATION -**

<b>COUNTY CLASSIFICATION</b>	<b>NUMBER OF PROJECTS</b>	<b>PROJECTED INVESTMENT</b>	<b>PROJECTED JOBS</b>
Tier 1	13	\$1,645,333,000	2,112
Tier 2	9	\$170,160,271	774
Tier 3	2	\$83,600,000	325
Tier 4	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>\$1,899,093,271</b>	<b>3,211</b>

**2011 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SET-ASIDE GRANT AWARDS  
- BY PROJECT TYPE -**

<b>PROJECT TYPE</b>	<b>FIRMS</b>	<b>PROJECTED INVESTMENT</b>	<b>PROJECTED JOBS</b>
Existing	14	\$1,497,700,000	1,591
New	10	\$401,393,271	1,620
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>\$1,899,093,271</b>	<b>3,211</b>

**NEW GRANT AWARDS  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SET-ASIDE FUND  
CALENDAR YEAR 2011**

<b>Grant Number</b>	<b>Grant Recipient</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>County Tier</b>	<b>Scope of Work</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>	<b>Projected New Jobs</b>	<b>Projected Investment</b>
S1881	Aiken County	Aiken	1	Multiple site, infra, roads	150,000	24	34,298,000
S1966	Aiken County	Aiken	1	Site Prep	500,000	30	135,000,000
S1971	Aiken County	Aiken	1	Water/Sewer	2,500,000	295	165,000,000
S1975	Aiken County	Aiken	1	Site Prep	150,000	25	5,500,000
S1979	Aiken County	Aiken	1	Multiple site, infra, roads	12,500,000	377	800,000,000
S1933	Anderson County	Anderson	2	Site Prep	1,500,000	14	45,000,000
S1962	Berkeley County	Berkeley	1	Site Prep	1,600,000	200	80,000,000
S1925	Charleston County	Charleston	1	Multiple site, infra, roads	50,000	12	37,000,000
S1917	Dorchester County	Dorchester	1	Site Prep	2,000,000	100	200,000,000
S1939	Florence County	Florence	1	Building	2,500,000	360	40,000,000
S1970	Florence County	Florence	1	Roads	350,000	200	35,000,000
S1932	Georgetown County	Georgetown	2	Rail	100,000	30	15,000,000
S1984	Greenville County	Greenville	1	Water/Sewer	100,000	89	3,900,000
S1940	Hampton County	Hampton	3	Site Prep	100,000	25	3,600,000
S1957	Jasper County	Jasper	2	Building	200,000	100	5,345,271
S1965	Laurens County	Laurens	3	Roads	500,000	300	80,000,000
S1922	Oconee County	Oconee	2	Water/Sewer	40,000	5	1,750,000
S1927	Richland County	Richland	1	Building	250,000	150	2,000,000
S1944	Richland County	Richland	1	Site Prep	1,500,000	250	107,635,000
S1936	Spartanburg County	Spartanburg	2	Multiple site, infra, roads	150,000	150	22,350,000
S1951	Spartanburg County	Spartanburg	2	Site Prep	75,000	30	7,500,000
S1982	Spartanburg County	Spartanburg	2	Roads	750,000	375	55,490,000
S1913	Town of Clover	York	2	Water/Sewer	200,000	10	2,725,000
S1953	York County	York	2	Building	350,000	60	15,000,000
** Governor's Closing Fund					\$31,800,000	0	0
*** Agency Budget					\$2,375,000	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>					<b>\$62,290,000</b>	<b>3,211</b>	<b>\$1,899,093,271</b>

*Please note: this tables only includes grants that have been formally approved and accepted by the company involved. Contingent commitments are not included.*

*\*\* In accordance with Proviso 40.3 of the Appropriation Act of FY 2011-12, Council approved \$31.8 million in Set-Aside Funds be transferred to the Governor's Closing Fund.*

*\*\*\* In accordance with Proviso 89.140 of the Appropriation Act of FY 2011-12, Council approved \$2.375 million in Set-Aside funds be transferred to the agency budget.*

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## RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

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### OVERVIEW

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The South Carolina Rural Development Act was enacted by the legislature in 1996 (SC Code § 12-10-80). This act established the Rural Infrastructure Fund (RIF) with the purpose of providing financial assistance to local governments, primarily in rural counties, for infrastructure and other economic development activities. The goal of the RIF program is to promote and encourage economic growth and prosperity in the State's rural areas.

Enabling legislation gave the Council responsibility for funds generated by the provisions of the Rural Development Act, as well as for developing policies and procedures. Funding comes from companies participating in an Enterprise Zone Revitalization Agreement with the Council, which permits companies to claim a refund for a portion of the employee state payroll tax withholding sent to the Department of Revenue each quarter. This refund is designated as a Job Development Credit (JDC) and may be used by the company to offset certain eligible company expenses, such as real property expenses, associated with its new or expanded operation.

Participating companies located in Tier 4 counties, which are generally the least developed counties in the state, are eligible to claim a refund of 100% of the JDCs to which they are entitled under their Revitalization Agreement. Participating companies in Tier 3 and 2 counties may claim only 85% and 70% of the JDCs for which they are otherwise eligible, respectively; and in the most developed Tier 1 counties only 55%.

The JDC funds which participating companies cannot claim as a result of being located in a Tier 1, 2 or 3 county are the source of funding for the RIF grant program. The Department of Revenue collects and transfers these monies to the RIF each quarter.

The Council has designated the Department of Commerce's Community and Rural Development and Grants Administration Divisions to develop and administer the RIF grant program. If the Council approves a county's RIF application, the Grants Administration Division administers the funds and works with the county to ensure successful implementation of the project.

## 2011 JOBS TAX CREDIT DESIGNATIONS

<b>TIER 4 100%</b>	<b>TIER 3 85%</b>	<b>TIER 2 70%</b>	<b>TIER 1 55%</b>
Allendale Bamberg Barnwell Chesterfield Clarendon Dillon Lancaster Lee Marion Marlboro McCormick Williamsburg	Abbeville Cherokee Chester Colleton Darlington Fairfield Greenwood Hampton Laurens Orangeburg Sumter Union	Anderson Calhoun Edgefield Georgetown Horry Jasper Newberry Oconee Pickens Spartanburg York	Aiken Beaufort Berkeley Charleston Dorchester Florence Greenville Kershaw Lexington Richland Saluda

### TYPES OF PROJECTS FUNDED

In the past, RIF funds were used primarily for “product development;” however, in 2005, the Council adopted a formal investment strategy that broadened the use of RIF funds to other types of activities necessary to improve economic competitiveness. As a result of the investment strategy, RIF funds are now targeted towards four areas:

- Tourism development
- Commercial revitalization
- Workforce development
- Business development

### APPLICANT QUALIFICATION

Under the enabling legislation, only local governments that are located within counties with a Tier 3 or Tier 4 designation are qualified to apply for RIF funds. However, when annual deposits exceed \$10 million, 25% of the amount over \$10 million must be made available to counties qualified as Tiers 1 or 2 and grants can be made for projects to benefit the underdeveloped areas of those counties.

The “development level” of each county corresponds to the “Jobs Tax Credit” ranking that is determined and published at the beginning of each calendar year by the SC Department of Revenue. The criteria for this determination was established by the legislature (SC Code of Laws §12-6-3360.)

## **APPLICATION EVALUATION**

In evaluating an application, the Council considers a variety of factors, including:

- Competitiveness of the project;
- Economic viability of the project;
- Cost effectiveness of the project activities;
- Benefit to the state/region/county/municipality;
- Ability of local government(s) to carry out and maintain the project;
- Consistency with the state's strategic development goals;
- Level of financial commitment from the county and, if appropriate, the municipality where the project is located; and
- Consistency of the proposed project with the county's strategic development plan and degree to which carrying out the project will further the success and implementation of that plan.

## **ELIGIBLE PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES**

RIF grant assistance may only be used for eligible projects and for eligible activities. Both are described below.

### **Eligible Projects**

To be eligible to apply for RIF funds, a project must support the implementation of a county strategic development plan, or the project must be directly related to economic development in the area. In addition, projects must demonstrate:

- Local political and public support;
- Ability to proceed to completion within a reasonable period of time; and
- Significant community financial support, including commitments from all other sources of funding. (RIF grants typically will not fund 100% of any request. To ensure this, projects are considered for RIF funding only once all other available sources of funding have been committed. There generally must be a demonstrable shortfall that cannot be met without RIF assistance.)

### **Eligible Activities**

Eligible activities generally include infrastructure and economic development activities. Examples are listed below:

- Engineering – *limited to 10%*
- Right-of-way acquisition
- Drainage
- Roads
- Rail spurs
- Economic development program enhancement

- Speculative building assistance
- Training costs and facilities
- Improvements to regionally planned public and private water and sewer systems
- Fixed transportation facilities including highway, rail, water and air
- Improvements to both public and private electricity, natural gas and telecommunications systems
- Environmental studies
- Feasibility studies
- Community revitalization
- Marketing for counties (studies, materials)
- Small business incubators
- Industrial park development and improvement
- Relocation expenses for employees paid at least 2 times the lower of the State or county per capita
- Site prep
- Acquiring or improving real property

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## 2011 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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During 2011, the Coordinating Council awarded a total of forty-one (41) community and economic development related Rural Infrastructure Fund projects. These RIF grants assisted a total of twenty-one (21) rural counties. Local governments in fourteen (14) counties received grants to assist in providing roads, water/sewer infrastructure, site improvements or building improvements required to support new business locations or expansions that will result in 1,574 new jobs and \$374.4 million in new capital investment. Commitments were also made for an additional \$4.5 million for projects which are not yet decided. If won, these projects will represent an additional 2,092 jobs and \$570.5 million in investment.

Local governments in twelve (12) counties received funds for economic development preparation in the form of primarily certified site engineering and registration. Additional grants to four (4) counties were for other economic development activities, including:

- Workforce and small business development related activities, which in 2011 included business assistance to new and existing small companies in rural/underserved counties and matching funds for the federal Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) program.
- Product development, such as acquisition of land or buildings, development of new parks and industrial sites and buildings, and enhancement or expansion of existing sites. In 2011, the majority of all grants were used for the engineering and registration of certified sites.
- Public infrastructure water/sewer improvements.

Combined, a total of \$10.5 million in RIF program funds was awarded during calendar year 2011, and this included \$138,014 in RIF funding that is required to be reserved for and awarded to more developed counties. The RIF grants awarded during the year are detailed on the following page(s).

**NEW BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT AWARDS  
RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND  
CALENDAR YEAR 2011**

Grant Number	Grant Recipient	County	County Tier	Scope of Work	Grant Amount	Projected New Jobs	Projected Investment
RIF11050269	Bamberg County	Bamberg	4	Building Construction/Upfit/Acquisition	1,500,000	159	14,000,000
RIF10060237	Barnwell County	Barnwell	4	Multiple site, infra, roads	375,000	200	140,000,000
RIF11060276	Barnwell County	Barnwell	4	Building Construction/Upfit/Acquisition	100,000	20	1,900,000
RIF11060284	Barnwell County	Barnwell	4	Building Construction/Upfit/Acquisition	200,000	212	5,250,000
RIF11060286	Barnwell County	Barnwell	4	Relocation	50,000	120	400,000
RIF10110229	Cherokee County	Cherokee	3	Building Construction/Upfit/Acquisition	50,000	20	1,463,200
RIF10130236	Chesterfield County	Chesterfield	4	Building Construction/Upfit/Acquisition	25,000	13	201,597
RIF11160274	Darlington County	Darlington	3	Rail	200,000	30	7,275,000
RIF11160281	Darlington County	Darlington	3	Building Construction/Upfit/Acquisition	25,000	20	283,000
RIF10240233	Greenwood County	Greenwood	3	Building Construction/Upfit/Acquisition	50,000	39	2,000,000
RIF10240256	Greenwood County	Greenwood	3	Building Construction/Upfit/Acquisition	100,000	50	12,000,000
RIF11250264	Hampton County	Hampton	3	Rail	150,000	15	800,000
RIF11250297	Hampton County	Hampton	3	Building Construction/Upfit/Acquisition	21,500	21	650,000
RIF10290253	Lancaster County	Lancaster	4	Relocation	100,000	30	3,500,000
RIF11300290	Laurens County	Laurens	3	Acquisition	400,000	100	67,165,000
RIF09380195	Orangeburg County	Orangeburg	3	Rail	500,000	50	8,406,000
RIF11380270	Orangeburg County	Orangeburg	3	Building Acquisition	2,000,000	250	34,200,000
RIF11440262	Union County	Union	3	Building Construction/Upfit/Acquisition	675,000	101	19,000,000
RIF11440292	Union County	Union	3	Roads	500,000	100	50,926,000
RIF11450277	Williamsburg County	Williamsburg	4	Rail	350,000	24	5,000,000
** Governor's Closing Fund					\$5,000,000	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>					<b>\$12,371,500</b>	<b>1,574</b>	<b>\$374,419,797</b>

\*\* In accordance with Proviso 40.3 of the Appropriation Act of FY 2011-12, Council approved \$5 million in Rural Infrastructure Funds be transferred to the Governor's Closing Fund.

**NEW NON-BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT AWARDS  
RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND  
CALENDAR YEAR 2011**

<b>Grant Number</b>	<b>Grant Recipient</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>County Tier</b>	<b>Scope of Work</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>
RIF11010267	Town of Calhoun Falls	Abbeville	3	Public Infrastructure	250,000
RIF-SCP-11	Chester County	Chester	3	Certified Site Engineering and Registration	39,375
RIF-SCP-12	Chester County	Chester	3	Certified Site Engineering and Registration	61,500
RIF-SCP-13	Chester County	Chester	3	Certified Site Engineering and Registration	52,500
RIF10170246	Dillon County	Dillon	4	Product Development – Building Acquisition	488,714
RIF08170164	Dillon County	Dillon	4	Product Development – Existing Park Improvements	500,000
RIF-SCP-14	Fairfield County	Fairfield	3	Certified Site Engineering and Registration	106,088
RIF-SCP-09	Florence County	Florence	1	Certified Site Engineering and Registration	10,500
RIF10250223	Hampton County	Hampton	3	JAG Program	162,500
RIF-SCP-17	Kershaw County	Kershaw	1	Certified Site Engineering and Registration	80,350
RIF-SCP-05	City of Laurens	Laurens	3	Certified Site Engineering and Registration	39,600
RIF-SCP-04	Lee County	Lee	4	Certified Site Engineering and Registration	37,557
RIF11350268	Marlboro County	Marlboro	4	Product Development – Building Acquisition	350,000
RIF-SCP-08	Orangeburg County	Orangeburg	3	Certified Site Engineering and Registration	44,250
RIF-SCP-18	Orangeburg County	Orangeburg	3	Certified Site Engineering and Registration	115,500
RIF-SCP-19	Orangeburg County	Orangeburg	3	Certified Site Engineering and Registration	74,250
RIF-SCP-20	Orangeburg County	Orangeburg	3	Certified Site Engineering and Registration	72,000
RIF11100282	Richland County	Richland	1	Small Business Assistance	360,000
RIF-SCP-15	Spartanburg County	Spartanburg	2	Certified Site Engineering and Registration	57,664
RIF-SCP-16	Sumter County	Sumter	3	Certified Site Engineering and Registration	77,625
RIF-SCP-07	Union County	Union	3	Certified Site Engineering and Registration	57,840
RIF-SCP-06	Williamsburg County	Williamsburg	4	Certified Site Engineering and Registration	47,625
RIF-SCP-10	Williamsburg County	Williamsburg	4	Certified Site Engineering and Registration	11,648
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>\$3,097,086</b>

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## **GRANT PROGRAM COMPLIANCE**

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Grants from any of the funds managed by the Council, including the Set-Aside Fund, Rural Infrastructure Fund, Governor's Closing Fund and Tourism Infrastructure Fund, are made under and in accordance with the laws of the State of South Carolina. The federal and state courts within South Carolina have exclusive jurisdiction to adjudicate any disputes arising out of or in connection with these grants.

Failure to comply with any of the terms and conditions of the grant can cause the Council to take, in addition to any relief that it is entitled to by law, any or all of the following actions:

- Require repayment of all or a portion of any grant funds provided; and/or cancel, terminate, or suspend the grant, in whole or in part.
- Refrain from extending any further assistance or grant funds until such time as the grantee is in full compliance with the terms and conditions of the grant agreement.

### **MONITORING**

Projects must generally be completed by the grantee within eighteen (18) months of the date of award of the grant. Completion is defined as the final documentation by grantee to Council of grant funds expended and issuance by Council of a notification in writing of the closure of the grant. The Council may grant extensions to the completion period requirement at its discretion.

All projects must generally begin within three (3) months of the date of award of the grant. If the grantee does not begin the project within three (3) months of the date of award of the grant, the Council reserves the right to rescind the grant, require the repayment of any grant funds provided to the grantee and terminate the agreement.

### **PROCUREMENT**

Records for property purchased totally or partially with grant funds must be retained for a period of three (3) years after its final disposition. The grantee will maintain records relating to procurement matters for the period of time prescribed by applicable procurement laws, regulations and guidelines, but no less than three (3) years. All other pertinent grant and project records including financial records, supporting documents and statistical records will be retained for a minimum of three (3) years after notification in writing by the Council of the closure of the grant.

The grantee will certify, to the best of its knowledge, information and belief, that the work on the project for which reimbursement is requested has been completed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the grant agreement. The grantee will return surplus grant funds that result from project cost underruns and commit and provide monies from its own resources for cost overruns that are required to complete the project.